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SECRETARY OF STATE WARNS CITIZENS ABOUT POTENTIALLY BOGUS CHARITIES

Baton Rouge – Many non-profits are registered with the Secretary of State's Commercial Division and their current status may be checked on the website, www.sos.louisiana.gov/crpinq.htm . However, this is just a registration listing, Secretary of State Al Ater warns.

"I urge people to continue to give and give generously to charities that are aiding the victims of Hurricane Katrina," Ater says. "But as the chief business officer of the state, I think it is important to stress that people use caution at this time. Many different groups will be soliciting funds for the victims. I urge everyone to verify the validity of the group to which they give their hard-earned dollars."

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